RESOLUTION NO. 2013-3570

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA; RELATING TO EARTH HOUR PARTICIPATION ON MARCH 23, 2013; URGING OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE IN EARTH HOUR; EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Earth Hour is an annual international event that since its inception has been associated with the World Wildlife Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of Earth Hour is to draw attention to climate change and to encourage people, communities, municipalities and nations to address the issue and make proactive changes; and,

WHEREAS, this year the signature annual event, when people and municipalities turn off the lights for an hour, is scheduled for March 23, 2013, between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Earth Hour website, in 2012, more than 6,950 cities and towns across 152 countries and territories participated in Earth Hour; and,

WHEREAS, to date only one municipality, located in Broward County, has registered to participate in Earth Hour; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have directed the City Administration to register for participation in Earth Hour, the City shall participate in providing information to City residents to participate and will attempt to make this Earth Hour a community event with activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council urge the Florida League of Cities, the counties and municipalities of Florida to participate in the Earth Hour event scheduled for March 23, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, during the Earth Hour participants shall turn off the lights in support of Earth Hour; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to participate in Earth Hour on March 23, 2013 between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. and urge other municipalities and counties in Florida to participate as well:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the above WHEREAS clauses are incorporated by reference.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is authorized to register the City's participation in Earth Hour 2013.

Section 3: That the City Clerk is authorized to distribute a copy of this resolution to the Florida League of Cities, to local municipalities and to Miami-Dade County to encourage their participation in Earth Hour 2013.

Section 4: That the provisions of this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida, this 11th day of February, 2013.

The motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was offered by Councilman Best, seconded by Vice Mayor Ator, and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Vice Mayor Ator Councilman Best Councilwoman Bain Councilman Lob Mayor Garcia

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Zavier M. Garcia Mayor

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Jan K. Seiden, Esquire City Attorney LONION